

## Diggs, Victoria

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**From:** Ronnie Weston <107perdue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 9, 2024 8:09 PM  
**To:** - Planning Division; Web Mailbox for BOS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prohibit Large Cruise Ships in York County

Dear Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

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If allowed, these large ships will change the character of Yorktown forever. It is important to protect our community. The cruise industry is a powerful multibillion dollar industry that will leverage any opportunity to increase its market share. There is ample evidence of over-tourism, pollution, and questionable business practices by this industry. This is why over 7800 individuals have signed a petition ([www.tinyurl.com/StopPrincess](http://www.tinyurl.com/StopPrincess)) to stop these ships in Yorktown.

The organization Preserve Yorktown has documented the detrimental impacts of this industry and published principles of responsible tourism for Yorktown ([//PreserveYorktown.org/position-statement](http://PreserveYorktown.org/position-statement)). I ask that we follow these principles and prohibit all large ocean-class cruise ships in York County.

Thank you  
Ronnie Weston  
107 Perdue Ct, Yorktown, VA 23692

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**From:** William Diggs <wwdpjd@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 5:01 AM  
**To:** - Planning Division; Web Mailbox for BOS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prohibit Large Cruise Ships in York County

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Thank you  
Respectfully Submitted  
Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Diggs  
Seaford Virginia

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**From:** Sheryl Porter <nothoney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:08 AM  
**To:** - Planning Division  
**Cc:** Web Mailbox for BOS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PROHIBIT Large Cruise Ships in York County

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([https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fPreserveYorktown.org%2fposition-statement&c=E,1,dqkQZq4InCce4KF4yXdJ7vxFmexrEiARoDyAtYOkb-FhKdE9HiI5JU6yt6YednwNVY8lFmlAohTC414EJF42C5x-T\\_ZhjsZvb-LlBqPcVzWRhj4yGNg,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fPreserveYorktown.org%2fposition-statement&c=E,1,dqkQZq4InCce4KF4yXdJ7vxFmexrEiARoDyAtYOkb-FhKdE9HiI5JU6yt6YednwNVY8lFmlAohTC414EJF42C5x-T_ZhjsZvb-LlBqPcVzWRhj4yGNg,&typo=1)). I ask that we follow these principles and prohibit all large ocean-class cruise ships in York County.

Thank you,  
Sheryl Porter  
201 Barham Boulevard  
Yorktown, 23690

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lea Gryk <leag4689@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 8:21 AM  
**To:** - Planning Division; Web Mailbox for BOS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prohibit Large Cruise Ships in York County

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Thank you,  
Lea A Gryk

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**From:** Robert Hodson <robert.f.hodson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:35 AM  
**To:** - Planning Division; Web Mailbox for BOS  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Prohibit Large Cruise Ships

Dear Supervisors and Planning Commissioners,

I have read the zoning ordinance amendments on large cruise ship docking and have concerns. First and foremost, this leaves the door open to these large ships in the future. Many citizens have expressed at BoS meetings that this is not the right thing to do in York County. It will be character altering for the community just like it has been at other places like Bar Harbor, Sitka, Juneau, Charleston, and many other places. 7,876 people have signed a petition stating that we want a prohibition on these ships, not a path for a special permit with rather weak requirements. We are dealing with multi-billion dollar companies that have recently stated in the press that they still want to pursue a port in the York River. This application to the Planning Commission made me feel like the County has not heard what citizens (and several businesses) are saying. We have been waiting for positive change to protect us from this industry for over 8 months since Tom Shepperd asked for options to stop these ships, and this is what comes out just before the holidays with little time to respond. Personally, I find it very disappointing and disheartening after all the effort the community has made to voice our position to the County and its leadership. Please implement regulations to prohibit the ocean-class cruise ships in York County.

Sincerely,

Bob Hodson, Yorktown

P.S. I would be more than happy to discuss the reasons (over-tourism, pollution, business practice, etc.) that this is not the right tourism model for us. My phone is 757-570-9251.

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